

Alabama Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program



Guide for Alabama Residents

Introduction

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated funds to each state for the establishment and administration of appliance rebate programs. The amount available to Alabama residents is \$4,164,653. This is a first-come-first-serve rebate program launching April 19, 2010. Alabama residents who replace an existing appliance from an eligible category with a new ENERGY STAR qualified appliance after April 19, 2010 may apply for the rebate. Approved applicants will receive a Visa® Prepaid card via mail.

A goal of the program is to stimulate the economy by encouraging consumers to replace old appliances with new energy efficient models. We invite Alabama residents to participate in this program and thank you for doing your share to protect our natural resources and boost Alabama's economy.

To apply for the rebate, visit the program's website at www.ALrebates.com or call 1-877-856-6645.

Sincerely,

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs - Energy Division

Q & A

When does the program start and end?

This program begins on April 19, 2010 and ends the instant the funds run out. Many Alabama residents have already been replacing items in their homes with more energy efficient models and we expect the rebate program to generate much more interest. Therefore, we encourage participants to act quickly to reserve their rebate beginning on April 19th.

Who is eligible?

An Alabama resident with a valid Alabama residential address who replaces an existing appliance with a new eligible ENERGY STAR qualified appliance and follows the program's requirements. All rebates will be mailed to the residential address, with no exceptions. P.O. Boxes are not accepted.

How do I know if a product is ENERGY STAR qualified?

All appliances that have earned the ENERGY STAR certification feature the familiar logo on the front of the product and on the product packaging. If you are unsure, ask a sales associate or visit www.ENERGYSTAR.gov for a complete list of ENERGY STAR products and models.

When can I purchase the appliance?

Appliances must be purchased during the rebate period, which begins on April 19th. Appliances purchased prior to that day will not be eligible for the rebate.

Can I receive a rebate for more than one appliance?

Residents may apply for a rebate on up to two appliances per household. Rebates must be on different appliance types. For example, one refrigerator plus one dishwasher rebate would qualify. Applications for two dishwasher rebates would not qualify.

How do I apply for the rebate?

Beginning on April 19th, residents should check funds availability at www.ALrebates.com or by calling 1-877-856-6645. Residents can then apply in two different ways:

Option 1

1. Buy an eligible ENERGY STAR qualified product. Online purchases do not qualify.
2. Apply for a rebate at the program's website or toll-free number.
3. Mail the required materials within 15 days of the online or phone application.

Option 2

1. Apply to reserve funds at the program's website or toll-free number.
2. Buy an eligible ENERGY STAR qualified product. Online purchases do not qualify.
3. Complete the application and mail the required materials within 15 days of the reservation.

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Can I apply for the Alabama energy rebate and a manufacturer's or retailer's rebate on the same appliance?

Yes, but keep in mind that each rebate sponsor has unique rules and application instructions. All mailed energy rebate application materials become Alabama's property and will not be returned. Because original receipts may be required for other promotions, copies are accepted for this program.

What products qualify? (See chart below.)

Select a category at www.ALrebates.com to view all the ENERGY STAR qualified product models.

Is appliance recycling required to qualify?

Because this is an appliance replacement program, participants must agree to replace existing appliances with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model. Recycling is encouraged, but not required. Arrangements can be made through retailers at the time of purchase.

How will applications be verified?

Every rebate application will be audited to verify the qualifying purchase and other requirements.

Eligible Appliance Categories	Visa® Prepaid Rebate Value
Clothes Washers	\$100
Dishwashers	\$75
Freezers	\$50
Refrigerators (standard size)*	\$150
Room Air Conditioners	\$25

*Refrigerator purchase must be at least 7.75 cubic feet and priced over \$500 to qualify.

Terms & Conditions

Please allow up to 30 days for delivery of the rebate. Only ENERGY STAR qualified product models in the specific categories listed above are eligible for Alabama's rebates. To determine a product model's ENERGY STAR certification, Alabama's agents will use product information available to the public at www.ENERGYSTAR.gov. Substitutions of products or product categories are not allowed. Applications exceeding verifiable eligible purchases are not allowed. Applications in excess of the limits are not allowed. Purchase of products that are used, rebuilt, rented, leased, exchanged, won as a prize or purchased at auction or online auction are not eligible. By applying for a rebate and receiving an approval confirmation, rebate funds are set aside for the applicant. If each of the program requirements is not satisfied, the applicant gives up rights to the rebate and those rebate funds will no longer be available to the applicant. The rights to a rebate or a rebate application may not be transferred or sold. Fraud of any type could result in federal prosecution under the US mail fraud statutes. Alabama is not responsible for lost, late, damaged, illegible, misdirected or postage-due applications. Resolution of any disputes will be governed by Alabama law. Cards are issued by Citibank, N.A. pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc and managed by Citi Prepaid Services. Cards will not have cash access and can be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.